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In the Claims:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (new) Ladder support apparatus comprising:

a base member;

a ground engaging part provided on the underside of the base member, said ground engaging part including at least twenty ground engaging upstanding projections;

a ladder engaging part provided on the top side of the base member, said ladder engaging part being engageable with the feet of a ladder so as to substantially prevent slippage thereof.

9. (new) The apparatus according to claim 8 wherein said ladder engaging part includes at least twenty upstanding projections which are engageable with the feet of the ladder.

10. (new) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the upstanding projections are pointed.

11. (new) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the upstanding projections are provided by a galvanized steel plate.

12. (new) The apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the upstanding projections are provided by a galvanized steel plate.

13. (new) The apparatus according to claim 8 wherein the ground engaging part comprises a galvanized steel plate.

14. (new) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the ground engaging part comprises a galvanized steel plate.

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15. (new) The apparatus according to claim 8 wherein an abutment member is provided on the top side of the base member, and the feet of the ladder abut against the abutment during use thereof.
16. (new) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the abutment member is upstanding from the base member.
17. (new) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein an abutment member is provided on the top side of the base member, and the feet of the ladder abut against the abutment during use thereof.
18. (new) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the abutment member is upstanding from the base member.
19. (new) The apparatus according to claim 10 wherein an abutment member is provided on the top side of the base member, and the feet of the ladder abut against the abutment during use thereof.
20. (new) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the abutment member is upstanding from the base member.
21. (new) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the abutment member has a generally shallow U-shape in plan view.
22. (new) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the abutment member has a generally shallow U-shape in plan view.
23. (new) The apparatus of claim 8 further comprising a handle.

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- 24. (new) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the handle is in the form of an opening in the base member.
- 25. (new) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said ground engaging part has greater than one hundred projections.
- 26. (new) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein said ground engaging part has greater than five hundred projections.
- 27. (new) The apparatus of claim 26 wherein said ground engaging part has greater than one thousand projections.
- 28. (new) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the base member is flexible so as to adapt, at least partially, to the profile of underlying uneven ground.
- 29. (new) The apparatus of claim 28 wherein said base member is made of plastic material.
- 30. (new) The apparatus of claim 29 wherein said base member is made of polypropylene.